PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In re the Application of

Koshi FUKAZAWA

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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.